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DO YOU KNOW?

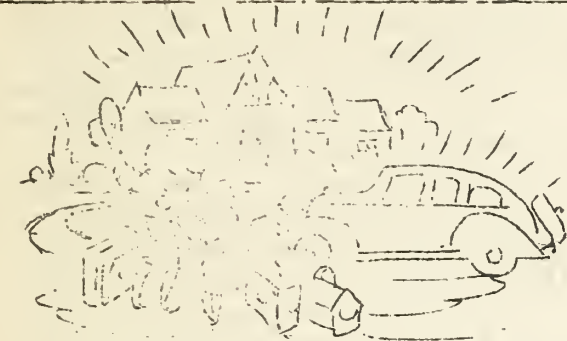
Do you know that the Department has its own Red Cross Unit where you can participate after official hours, in volunteer activities to benefit our men and women in the service? Gentlemen, there are several activities where your services are needed, so keep on reading.

Do you know that the Department's Red Cross Unit is located in room 139 W and is in charge of Mrs. Havey, a full-time Welfare Asso. employee? For further information on any of the following activities, or to contribute to these activities, call Mrs. Havey on ext. 6229 or drop by to see her in the Red Cross Room. There is also a Red Cross Representative in your bureau whom you may contact.

Whole, clean clothes that are outgrown should not be stored in the attic just to take up space and feed the moths. The Allied Relief Associations can make good use of them, so bundle them up, bring them down and the Red Cross will send them on their way.

Games and cards are always in demand for hospitalized service personnel as well as for the "rec" rooms at the camps. Scrap books of jokes, cartoons, short stories, etc. are also very much enjoyed.

Money contributions are wanted  
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HOW ABOUT YOU?

We've bought several shares in Victory. We've called those shares "the house", "furniture", "household appliances", "college for the children", "a trip". We know we can't buy these things now and that the only way to get them is to finish the war. So we're helping to win the war the best way we can. We buy war bonds, our share of Victory, regularly. How about you?

The Seventh War Loan Drive begins April 9 and lasts till July 7. The payroll deductions for the six pay periods, starting April 1, will be credited to your quota of Bonds for the Drive. Your quota is 18% of the three months salary. This is the first time the drive has been extended over a three-month period. Everyone is urged to authorize Bond deductions now for a share in Victory leading to shares in a world of Peace. We're backing Uncle Sam. How about you?

YOU

Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner, says: "In the United States, physical fitness is a personal responsibility.

"Are you on the job every day and not absent from work because of fatigue? Can you do your daily tasks easily and meet emergencies with strength and energy to spare?

"Athletes keep physically fit, they follow training rules. The same rules will help you: Get vigorous exercise daily--it tunes your motor; makes you 'click', and keeps you 'on the beam'. Get fresh air in your lungs and the sun in your skin. Relax when tense, learn to conserve energy. Be eager to eat, but eat wisely. Get your sleep and live a life that makes your sleep sound. Give your body a break; dress right, stand tall, walk proudly, keep clean, keep YOUNG."

In room 528, ext. 3105, information on recreational activities in the Department and community may be obtained. This is the time of year for sports! Are you keeping young and physically fit?

## SOFTBALL

The softball season is here, folks. We're hoping to get our teams on the field around April 16. If you're interested in playing give your name to your contact officer. Both ladies' and men's teams will be formed. Each team will play one night a week for an hour.

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ARE YOU A BLOOD DONOR?

DO YOU KNOW (cont'd. from p. 1)

for purchasing food packages for prisoners of war and for yarn to make afghans for the boys at Walter Reed. You may indicate for which purpose your contribution is intended. (If you have any scraps of yarn around home they will be put into afghans by workers of the Unit.)

Don't forget the surgical dressing unit which meets regularly on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 in room 505 Adm. Bldg.

So far, gentlemen, you can participate in all the activities mentioned. A number of men are regular attendants at the surgical dressing unit and they will be glad to add you to their ranks. In addition, your wives may be invited to do Red Cross work during the day, or you may take materials home to them and then return the completed articles to Mrs. Hovey.

Ladies, Mrs. Hovey has beautiful afghans and comfortable, sleeveless sweaters made by Department employees. Bags, which are so easy to "run up" on a machine are needed by convalescents for keeping their personal possessions together. Stop by 139 W and see samples of the things that are needed. You may take the materials home or work on them in room 139 W, where there are four sewing machines. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Hovey during the day for evening work.

A home nursing course, two hours a week for six weeks, is given at the Dept. See Mrs. Hovey.

## AMERICAN FORUM OF THE AIR

Each Tues. evening at 9:30 the American Forum of the Air presents its program over a coast-to-coast network from the New Ballroom of the Sarcham Hotel. The public is invited. Free admission--no tickets required.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have just been informed that men are urgently needed as hospital volunteers to prepare ice needed in refrigerators and various treatments requiring ice. You can render this valuable service, nights and Sundays at least three hours a week, by registering immediately with Miss Pruitt at the D. C. Volunteer Office, 14th and Penn. Ave., N. W.

## CONTACT OFFICERS

New contact officers in the Department are:

OF - Margaret Banner - 5965 - 428  
OMS - Betty Ashton - 2469 - 6429  
OCC - Gretta Croft - 4641 - 6161  
AAA - Enid Paulsen - 5468 - 6747  
BLOOD DONOR KEYMAN

The blood donor keyman for OMS is Mrs. Hilda H. Bailey, room 2061 S ext. 2680.

## CIRCUS IN TOWN

The Federal Employees' Recreation Council is sponsoring Roy Rogers' Circus on April 12 at Uline Arena. Tickets at a discount will be available from Mrs. Stohr at the Information Desk in the Patio. (Full price will be charged at downtown ticket agencies and at the Arena.)

## "CHINESE IN YOUR KITCHEN"

"Chinese in Your Kitchen" is another of the extremely helpful pamphlets put out by our own Department of Agriculture. Just reading the delicious recipes makes your mouth water. There are a number of yummy main dishes as well as appetizers listed and some helpful hints on preparing Chinese dishes. Get this cheery number at the Publications Desk in the Patio.

## AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The American Legion Women's Auxiliary is working on plans for rehabilitation of returning war veterans and also on child welfare plans. Wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of veterans of World War I or II are eligible to become members of this organization and participate in its plans. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Clubhouse, 2437 15th St., N.W., at 8:00 p.m. For further information call Mrs. Williams, ext. 4303.

## YOUNG MARRIED MEN

Are you married, fair young maiden? Then why not join the Young Married Women's Club at the Y.W.C.A. 17th and K Sts., N.W. They are a lively group, buzzing with spring plans. Call Me. 2100, membership department.

## FT. MEADE DANCES

Girls, we still have tickets for Ft. Meade dances on Tuesday and Friday nights. If you're interested tell your contact officer.



## HOME MAKING COURSE

The H. M. Dept. of the Public Schools offer a number of helpful courses. On April 9, a new group will begin the "Cookery for Two" class. It will be given at Central Hl. in room 215, one night a week from 7 to 9, for ten weeks. There is a \$5.00 laboratory fee to cover the cost of food and recipes. You actually cook in this course. To register call No. 6000, ext. 841, Mrs. Rush's office. Mrs. Rush can also tell you about a millinery course which will begin April 12 at Roosevelt. There is a \$1.00 lab. fee.

At Central, McKinley and Roosevelt Schools, classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 to learn how to remodel garments. No pre-registration is necessary. You may begin the class at any time. This is a good opportunity to learn how to utilize the good materials in out-dated clothes.

There are other fascinating classes offered under this program most of which will begin anew next fall. We'll keep you posted.

## NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A letter has been received from Lee D. Butler, Chairman of the National Symphony Drive, in which he says several Government agencies, including Navy and Maritime Comm., have exceeded their quota in the current drive for the Sustaining Fund. We have until April 14, to reach our quota. Give your contribution to your keyman (your contact officer will tell you who he is).

## CAR-OWNERS

Mr. and Mrs. Car-Owner, we have noticed new signs on Independence Ave. which say "No Parking - 7:30 to 9:30 or 3:30 to 6:30" and on 12th Street above Independence there are different parking restrictions for each side of the street. Read them carefully and abide by them. We have seen tickets on cars parked there and heard that several cars have been taken away. Please be careful where you park -- it's better to be safe than sorry. If you are a member of a certified car pool we'll be glad to issue you a parking permit for an unreserved space on the Mall. Permits in room 528, ext. 3105.

## WANT RIDERS

Estelle Sterenberg, 1313 Mount Vernon Blvd. Alexandria, Va. ext. 3124  
Miss McKeever, 1669 Ft. Davis St., S. E., ext. 5483

Miss Marie Simonson, 15th & Euclid St., N. W., ext. 3733

## WANTS ROTATOR

Mr. J. Atkinson, 320 North Piedmont, Buckingham, Va., ext. 4235

## WANT RIDERS

Mr. James B. Maddox, 209 East Broad St., Falls Church, Va., ext. 4401

Miss Elizabeth Waesche, Mitchville, Md., ext. 4053

## WANTS ROTATORS OR RIDERS

Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Fairfax Va., ext. 2316

We appreciate your cooperation in requesting gasoline certification only during the hours specified: 4:15 to 5:15. Room 528, ext. 3105.